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MEMORANDUM

TO: EUR - Mr. William Luers  
PA - Mr. Hodding Carter, III

FROM: D/HA - Patt Derian

SUBJECT: Soviet Trade Fair and National Conference  
on Soviet Jewry

On August 29, Ms. Marina Wallachs (202 - 293-2262), Washington Director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry called this office. She said that the L.A. office of the National Conference wished to set up a display in the L.A. Coliseum during the Soviet Trade Fair, November 9 and 10; that Mayor Bradley's office opposed the idea because it is under pressure from the State Department; Bill Luers was named as the contact.

On August 31, I spoke with Mayor Bradley (213 - 485-3311) since Bill is out of the country, who said that Bill had merely made an inquiry on behalf of the Soviets and "in no way implied or expressed any pressure." It is the "policy of the Coliseum not to put competing displays in the building at the same time" and that this display was "not acceptable to the Soviets." The mayor was distressed to hear that this interpretation of their decision making had been made. I told him I would contact Ms. Wallachs to convey Mayor Bradley's position.

Ms. Wallachs said that she would convey the information to her New York headquarters since they were dealing directly with their L.A. affiliate and seemed as relieved as I was that the Department didn't apply any pressure. The L.A. National Conference group can now choose what course to take directly with the City of Los Angeles.